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FM AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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INFO AMCONSUL BOMBAY

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SECSTATE WASHDC 7309

C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 3080

BEIRUT FOR RCAA DWOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAIR, IN

SUBJ: AIRCRAFT SALES

REF: (A) BEIRUT 2891 (B) NEW DELHI 2621

1. LOCKHEED (MINGRONE) AND WE BELIEVE SITUATION REMAINS AS DESCRIBED  
IN REF. B. INDIAN AIRLINES IS GATHERING THE DATA IT  
FEELS MUST ACCOMPANY ITS DECISION TO GO WIDE BODIED TO  
PUBLIC INVESTMENTCOMMITTEE. DECISION MUST BE APPROVED WITHIN  
GOI, SPECIFICALLY BY PLANNING COMMISSION AND, SINCE FOREIGN  
EXCHANGE INVOLVED, BY FINANCE MINISTRY. THIS, OF COURSE,  
INCREASES POSSIBLITY THAT POLITICAL FACTORS MAY INFLUENCE  
CHOICE AND AIR CHIEF MARSHAL LAL HAS TOLD LOCKHEED  
THAT ARMS SALE DECISION HAS WORSENERED THE CLIMATE FOR PUR-  
CHASES OF AMERICAN AIRCRAFT. HOWEVER, LAL CARRIES CONSIDERABLE  
PRESTIGE AND IF HE ARGUES THAT ALL THINGS  
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CONSIDERED ONE AIRPLANE IS SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHERS FOR

INDIAN AIRLINES NEEDS, WE CONTINUE TO BELIEVE HIS RECOMMEN-  
DATION WILL BE INFLUENTIAL.  
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